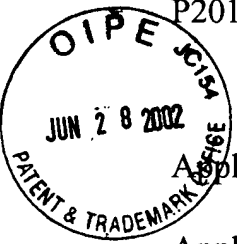


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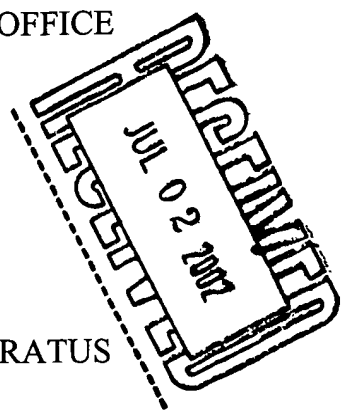
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on June 22, 2001, Applicant hereby calls the following documents, which were cited in a Japanese Office Action received on April 2, 2002 for Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-174954, to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-32196, published on February 2, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

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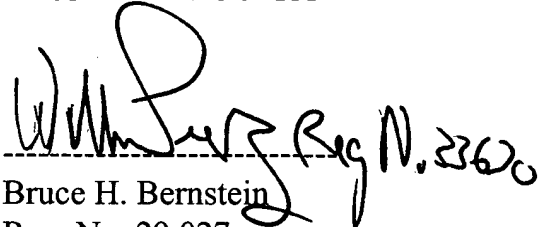
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Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite these patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents, as well as a copy of the Japanese Office Action, is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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